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Civil Justice

Provision for punkahs in the Court-houses in Civil Courts.

*1134 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) for what period in a year provision is made for punkahs for the members of the Bar in the Court-houses in the various Civil Courts in the Presidency outside Madras, and what is the provision;

(b) whether it is a fact that in South Kanara there is provision for punkahs only for four months in the year in the Sub-Court and District Court whilst there is no such provision in the other Civil Courts of the district for any period;

(c) whether it is a fact that in all the said Courts provisions for punkah is made for the Munsif or Judge as the case may be for all the year round;

(d) if so, why this distinction is made; and

(e) whether the Government will call for a report for the whole Presidency (outside Madras) and for South Kanara in particular as regards their needs in this matter and place it on the Council table?

A.—(a), (b), (c) & (d) The Government have no information.

(e) The Government do not consider it necessary to call for a report.

Forests

Extent of cultivable lands in South Kanara district.

*1135 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the total extent of Government land talukwar in the district of South Kanara now lying fallow, but fit for wet cultivation or for bagayat (i) in reserve forests, (ii) outside;

(b) if figures are not available, whether Government will obtain and place them on the table of the House; and

(c) whether Government have any comprehensive proposals to settle (i) the educated unemployed of the district and (ii) the depressed classes, on such lands, by financing the scheme by loans and also giving expert advice and help of the Agricultural, Co-operative and Public Health departments?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government are unable to supply the information.

(c) No.

Propagation and development of the lac industry.

*1136 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what is the position of the propagation of lac and the development of the lac industry in the Madras Presidency; and

(b) what attempts have been made and are being made to develop them?

A.—(a) & (b) Experiments on lac cultivation have been commenced in this Presidency in the Kurnool, Palghat and North Salem divisions. The Member of the Legislative Council is referred to the report of the Minor Forest Products section of the